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Remarks

Claims 1, 3-9 and 12-31 were pending in the application. Claims 1, 4, 7, and 21 were rejected. Claims 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 29, and 30 were merely objected to and claims 12-20, and 22-28 were allowed. By the foregoing amendment, claims 3, 5, 6, 8, and 9 are canceled, claims 1, 4, 7, 21, 30, and 31 are amended, and claims 32-35 are added. No new matter is presented.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicant appreciates the indication of allowable subject matter in claims 3, 5, 6, 8, 9, 12-18, 20, 22, 23, 25-28, and 30. Claim 3 is re-presented in independent form as claim 32. Claim 5 is re-presented in independent form as claim 33. Claim 6 is re-presented in independent form as claim 34. Claim 8 is re-presented in independent form as amended claim 1. Dependent claims 4, 7, 30, and 31 are amended for appropriate antecedent bases. Claim 9 is re-presented in independent form as claim 35.

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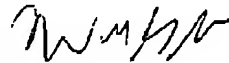
Claims 1, 4, 7, and 21 were rejected under 35 USC 102(b) as anticipated by Adams. Applicant respectfully traverses the rejection.

The Office action appears to both: treat Adams' chamber 67 as being a channel in the first face; and treat the chambers opening in said first face as also being the first (or perhaps second) port in the claimed perimeter. Apparently, a broad view of perimeter was taken to include redundancy with the faces. Applicant submits this is improper. For clarification, the inboard surface and outboard perimeter have been identified as radially inboard and radially outboard, respectively, in claim 21. The radial direction is defined in paragraph 0042 of the as-filed application (0044 of the pre-grant publication). If, however, the examiner believes further clarifying amendment is appropriate, he is invited to contact the undersigned to discuss.

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Accordingly, Applicant submits that claims 1, 4, 7, and 12-35 are in condition for allowance. Please charge any fees or deficiency or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of record.

Respectfully submitted,

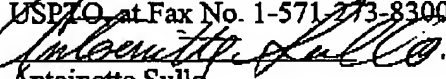
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